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Examiner: M. Mosher

For: RECOMBINANT BIRNAVIRUS VACCINE

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 11, 2000

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of July 11, 2000, please enter the amendments that follow. Submitted herewith is a Petition and fee to extend the date for responding by two months to December 11, 2000. Accordingly, it is believed this response is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12, 13 and 16 - 21 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

In claim 32, line 1, delete "An" and insert -- A non-reverting --.

REMARKS

Claims 12, 13 and 16 - 21 are canceled without prejudice in order to advance the prosecution of this application. Claim 32 is amended to define the claimed IBVD mutant as "non-reverting."

In the Office Action of July 11, 2000, the Examiner rejected claims 33 - 39 under 35 USC 103(a) for being obvious over the

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